

## MINUTES

### COMMISSION MEETING

November 5, 2004

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Meeting began at 3:31 P.M. on Friday, November 5, 2004. Chairman Thomas B. Getz, and Commissioner Graham J. Morrison were present. Also present were the Division Heads or their designees. The following matters were discussed.

1. Approval of the October 29, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz adopting the minutes of the October 29, 2004 Commission Meeting.

2. DG 04-179; New Hampshire Gas Corporation  
(Winter 2004/2005 Winter Cost of Gas)

Chairman Getz announced the issuance of Order No. 24,394 (November 1, 2004) approving the Cost of Gas and Fixed Price Option Rates.

3. DM 03-176; Investigation of Utility Billing Practices  
(Extension of Time to File Report)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the November 1, 2004 secretarial letter postponing the deadline for submitting the final report.

4. DW 03-144; Consolidated Water Company  
(Investigation Into Quality of Service by the  
Birch Hill Water System)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the November 1, 2004 secretarial letter which scheduled a hearing for November 30, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at which time the Commission will consider whether exceptional circumstances exist warranting relief from the penalties assessed against Consolidated Water Company for failure to undertake certain measures to address service quality issues.

5. DE 04-177; Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
(Proposed Transition Service Rate - Procedural Schedule)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the November 1, 2004 secretarial letter stating, that pursuant to Puc 201.05(a), the Commission waives the prehearing order requirement of Puc 203.05(e).

6. DT 04-187; Verizon New Hampshire  
(Tariff Filing Offering Option for Centrex Plus Service)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the November 1, 2004 secretarial letter stating, that pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, the proposed revisions to Verizon's Tariff NHPUC No. 83 are effective as filed.

7. DW 04-020; Fryeburg Water Company  
(Quality of Service - Procedural Schedule, Phase II)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the November 2, 2004 secretarial letter stating that a hearing is scheduled for April 6 and 7, 2005.

8. DW 04-171; Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.  
Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.  
(Petition for Authority to Issue Long Term Debt)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Nisi Approving the Petition.

9. DW 04-044; Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.  
(Petition to Construct Wells Outside an Existing Franchise Area)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Nisi Approving the Petition.

10. DRM 04-208; Rulemaking, Puc 400, Consolidation of Local  
Telecommunications Competition and Telephone Service Rules

Chairman Getz stated that previously, in the context of DRM 04-169 regarding Puc Chapter 1300, the Commission announced that consolidation of Chapter 400 and 1300 were underway.

A motion was made by Chairmen Getz to approve the initial proposal of the consolidated rules which was compiled by staff after technical sessions with various stakeholders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrison.

11. New Business

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DT 04-027; New Hampshire Coalition of Comprehensive Information and Referral Services  
(Petition of United Ways of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Coalition of Comprehensive Information and Referral Services for Designation of the Coalition as Lead Implementing Agency for 211 Services)

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A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Pursuant to RSA 365:28, which schedules a Prehearing Conference on December 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

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Chairman Getz announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on Friday, November 19, 2004 at 3:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to adjourn this meeting. The meeting, therefore, adjourned at 3:39 P.M.